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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION: FRG VIEWS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBOFF DISCUSSED ATLANTIC DECLARATION MAY 29 WITH FONOFF NATO DEPT. DEPUTY CHIEF HARTMANN, WHO PREPARES FRG INSTRUCTIONS ON TOPIC. HARTMANN VOICED "CLEAR CUT EUROPEAN ALLIED ASSUMPTION" THAT DECLARATION WOULD BE PUBLISHED AT OTTAWA MINISTERIAL. HE ALSO EXPLAINED, AS REPORTED BELOW, GERMAN CONCERNS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES IN EMERGING TEXT. END SUMMARY.

1. SCENARIO FOR PUBLICATION OF DECLARATION - HARTMANN SAID FRG JOINED IN "BROAD ALLIED CONSENSUS" THAT DECLARATION SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AT OTTAWA NATO MINISTERIAL. EMBOFF NOTED THAT U.S. ALSO WISHED TO MOVE FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH DRAFTING SO DECLARATION COULD BE COMPLETED. DRAWING ON REF C PARA 6, EMBOFF ADDED THAT U.S. WISHED TO DEFER QUESTION OF PROMULGATION OF DECLARATION

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AT THIS TIME, PENDING SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN ELABORA-

TION OF TEXT. HARTMANN SAID HE FOUND IT "STRANGE THAT NATO REPS WERE CHARGED TO PROCEED FULL STEAM AHEAD, WITH OTTAWA MINISTERIAL AS GOAL, WHILE U.S. WISHED TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON PROMULGATION. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL EUROPEAN NATO ALLIES TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT TEXT WOULD BE PUBLISHED AT OTTAWA.

2. SPECIFIC FRG PROBLEMS - HARTMANN ENUMERATED FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL FRG DIFFICULTIES:

A. PROPOSED STRIKING OF REFERENCES TO ROLE OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION. HARTMANN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH U.S. READINESS TO BE GUIDED BY CONSENSUS AND ASSERTED THAT BONN "STRONGLY HOPES UK WILL NOT BLOCK EVIDENT CONSENSUS OF OTHER EC MEMBER STATES OF NATO."

B. OPTIMISM REGARDING DETENTE AT EXPENSE OF LANGUAGE IN PARA 2 ENCOURAGING DEFENSE MINDEDNESS OF ALLIED PUBLIC OPINIONS.

C. CONSULTATION LANGUAGE IN PARA 11 GOES TOO FAR IN DIRECTION OF "GLOBALIZATION". REFERENCES TO ECONOMIC POLICIES ARE UNACCEPTABLE. ITALIAN LANGUAGE ON DEFENSE AND SECURITY POLICIES MIGHT PROVIDE GOOD COMPROMISE. GIVEN POSITIVE U.S. RESPONSE TO EC-9 GYMnich UNDERSTANDINGS ON US/EC CONSULTATIONS, AFFIRMED AT MAY 27-28 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, FRG BELIEVES CONSULTATION PARA OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION SHOULD NOT RESURRECT "GLOBALIZATION" ISSUE.

D. REFERENCE TO NON-NATO AREA. GERMANS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT ANY FORMULATION AFFORDING IMPRESSION THAT NATO HAD RESPONSIBILITIES OUTSIDE OF TREATY AREA. IF U.S. PRESSES FOR SOME REFERENCE TO OUTSIDE WORLD, FRG COULD RELUCTANTLY GO ALONG BUT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO AVOID IMPRESSION OF NATO RESPONSIBILITY IN SUCH AREAS.

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